Love These Books

Playful goblins with long noses, magic tea kettles, and a delightfully brave hero who just happens to be one inch tall—these are some of the wonderful characters you'll meet in this collection of the 20 best-loved Japanese children's stories. Drawn from folklore and passed down for generations, these classic tales speak of the virtues of hard work, humility, kindness, and good humor—Once upon a time . . . has never sounded so inviting.

Personal Review: Japanese Children's Favorite Stories CD Book One: CD Edition (Bk. 1) by Yoshisuke Kurosaki
I am Japanese by birth who lived in the USA since I was 5. I got two grade-school daughters who are half-Japanese. I bought this book plus the sequels to acquaint them with Japanese fairy tales that I grew up with
when I was their age. These books are English adaptations of the Japanese-language versions. In case you don't know, Japanese fairy tales may or may not have morals, and the endings sometimes seem confusing and seem to end some stories with a simple dead stop. Also the themes are similar...there's an old, poor couple with no child, they find a child or pet out of nowhere, raise the child, and child goes away. lol. Anyhoo, great book!!!

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